

Memorial to the Gov.-General.

Copy of a Memorial to the Governor-General by the North West Council.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

May it please your Excellency:

Your Memorials to the Lieutenant Governor and the Council of the North West Territories show as follows:

1st. That the reservations held by the Government at Regina and Moose Jaw, and the reserve, known as the "Miss Hall Reserve," are detrimental to growth and prosperity, large blocks of land being held by the Government, and settlers being deterred from locating upon them, thereby retarding the expansion force of this young country, and by bounding the railway by a tract comparatively uninhabited give the settlers false idea of the North West, and an inadequate and, sometimes, misleading impression of the character of the soil. Your Memorialists are aware, too, that many immigrants have been prevented from obtaining these advantages when the inducements held out by the Government led them to expect. Your Memorialists, therefore, pray that immediate action be taken to remove these barriers to the development of the country.

2. Your Memorialists also pray that immediate measures be adopted to determine titles to lands that have been over three years in cultivation, the patents issue at once to those entitled to them; that pre-emption and homestead claims, settled on prior to the fourteenth of October, 1879, be allowed at a price to subvertance with those due in Council existing at the time of settlement; that settlers who have entered upon lands prior to survey, and previous to the fourteenth of October, 1879, at which time there did exist any distinction between old and even numbered sections, and after survey are found to be located on odd numbered sections, should be allowed their homestead and pre-emption on such sections at a price in accordance with the order in Council existing at the time of settlement; that settlers on school lands, who settled there prior to survey and ignorant of the fact, be afforded security in their holdings; that the Government will use its good offices to obtain security for them, who have in good faith settled on Hudson Bay sections prior to survey, and after 1873, and in ignorance that they were such sections.

3. Your Memorialists further pray that those Half-breed in the Territories who have not participated in the arrangement to extinguish the Half-breed claim in Manitoba, should enjoy the same rights as the Half-breed in that province.

4. Your Memorialists also pray for more extended surveys in the country of the North Saskatchewan, that the special settlement survey on the South Saskatchewan, in the parish of St. Antoine, made by Mr. Alfons, H. L. R., be approved, and that the land agent at Prince Albert be instructed to receive entries for such lands; that the lands in the parishes of Uranium, St. Laurent and St. Louis, and fronting on the South Saskatchewan, be surveyed in ten claim lots, it being occupied by settlers in this manner.

5. That the system of granting leases of lands in western grazing districts, be discontinued as injurious, and that the reason that a very large portion of the land so leased is not required for actual settlement.

6. That Homesteads cancelled for any cause should be again opened for entry and not held for sale, we believe, best calculated to settle the country.

7. That the safety of a route, valuable alike to the Government and the people, demands that routes should be erected in Land and Registry Office in the Territories.

8. That at least two additional Magistrates should be appointed for the Territories.

9. That power be given the North West Council to incorporate companies having territorial objects, and to enforce ordinances by imprisonment.

10. That sub-section two of section nineteenth of the North West Territories Act of 1870 be amended so as to vest all roads and highways in the Council of the North West Territories.

11. That the duties in respect to land implements and lumber should be reduced, it having heretofore been the policy of your Excellency's Government to foster the industries of the country, we feel that the heavy duties imposed on lumber and implements used in agricultural pursuits, together with the heavy rates of freight, which must be paid, are calculated to increase the cost of building and of farming, that the duties must be injurious to settlement.

12. That a largely increased sum should be voted for expenditure on the Saskatchewan River to improve the navigation of those streams, it being the only means of outlet for a very large section of the North West, and the Canadian Pacific Railway on the South, being at such a great distance making it as a means of cheap outlet almost impracticable.

13. That Mining Laws and Regulations should be assimilated to those of British Columbia and Montana Territory.

14. That the right of pre-emption should not be abolished.

15. Your Memorialists also pray, in view of the very large land area of the North West Territories, and the consequent increasing demand for various land measures, that a page, per capita, based on the assumed population of one hundred thousand, now in the North West Territories, be given for expenditure by the Lieutenant Governor

in Council, as better calculated to suit the requirements of the people than that at present followed.

16. That the system of granting immense tracts of the choicest lands in the Territories to Colonization Companies is inimical to the best interests of the country. Your Memorialists therefore pray that no more such grants be made; that the companies now holding the same be compelled to fulfil the conditions imposed upon them, in letter and in spirit, and that the agents of these companies be not allowed to act as the agents of the Government in any respect. That existing lands already thickly settled, as in the case of the Edmonton and Saskatchewan Land Company, is contrary to the intention of the Land Act; that the Company profits to an undue extent by the energy and forethought of the pioneers of the country, who are prevented from reaping the full benefit of their own labors in that the old numbered sections are locked up for speculative purposes which would otherwise be opened for settlement or held for sale by the Government on reasonable terms. Your Memorialists therefore pray that Your Excellency's Government will enquire into the matter and redress the above grievances.

17. Your Memorialists believe that the success of the North West Territories and such importance to the whole Dominion that the time has arrived when representation for the Territories should be had in Parliament. At the present time the people of the North West are without representation of any kind, and have to depend solely on petitions and memorials to make their wants known.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

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C. J. BRYDGES, Land Commissioner.

COMMUNICATIONS. OUR MEMBER.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—According to the old saw, "Speech is silver but silence is golden." The member for the District of Lorne, in the North West Council, seems to be a thorough believer in the latter part of this proverb, for in the reports of the proceedings of the Council, I find not so much as his name mentioned, as taking any part in the exciting debates which have taken place on the important question of incorporation, the redress of grievances, etc., and he appears to have been absent when the vote was taken on these questions, as his name does not appear in the division lists. There may be some explanation for this, and it is possible that the member reported published by the Regina Leader may have done him an injustice, but it seems strange (in the absence of explanation) that on the question of incorporation which is of such vital importance to this place, that Prince Albert appears to have been "left," whilst motions were made, and I presume passed, for the incorporation of the cities of Regina, Moose Jaw, Qu'Appelle and Edmonton. I also notice that on almost the only occasion in which Mr. Macdowell's name is mentioned (except on the presentation of the brewery petition) that he seemed a most fulsome address to Lieut. Governor Dewdney in which that functionary's administration of affairs is endorsed, particularly in reference to the selection of Regina as the seat of government. I doubt much whether that will meet with the approval of the people of this District.

PRINCE ALBERT.

Sir,—I see by the Regina Leader that there is every probability of Regina, Qu'Appelle, Moose Jaw and Edmonton being incorporated, but no mention is made of Prince Albert, which seems very strange after the largely signed petition which was sent down by the inhabitants of the town. Surely it must have been presented and if so the Council would not be so unmerciful as to take no notice of it. There may be a possibility of its being passed over in the absence of any member who seems to have been away very often during the Session, although the Regina Leader criticizes with a cynical did business head and attention to business. It certainly looks as if he took no interest in our welfare, but we will not condemn him yet, he may be able to give a good account of his stewardship on his return.

CORN COB.

THAT FEELING CRUISING.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—In reading a paragraph in your last issue, I noticed my name in connection with the ferry crossing on the North River trail, which I think is considerably out of you, as you must be aware that I have no interest whatever in the ferry. Mr. Lewis is owner and is supposed to have the management of same, and I hope if you have any complaints to make that you will attach the name to it directly, and not have it read to strangers as negligence on my part. If it were mine I should be very sorry to have it in such a wretched running order, as I must say it has been a great deal of parties travelling on it. Hoping you will be good enough to insert the complaint in a more explicit form.

R. STANLEY.

In reference to the above, we can only say that we simply referred to the last state of the ferry at the crossing generally known as Stanley's crossing. No imputation whatever was cast upon him in the matter.

DUBIEKEY.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir, I notice in your last issue an article on "Fuss and Feathers," in which the writer says that the above is the proper way to spell the name of our respected and well-beloved Lieut. Governor. I am informed on reliable authority that the correct derivation of our Governor's name is from the French *Duc de Danois*, freely translated, "Given by the Lord." I have often read of the Divine right of kings, and our beloved Queen is called in official documents, Victoria by the Grace of God, etc., but I was not aware that the present Lieut-Governor of the North West Territories derived his authority from so sacred a source. It is possible that the consciousness of this power may account for some of the high-sounding proceedings with which he is credited, but any way although we ought always to be thankful for small, as well as great mercies, we fear that it is the fervent and heartfelt prayer of the people of these Territories that as he was given, so may he be taken away.

LOUIS.

Only one chair mattress left at Mr. Cass, Hamilton's.

THE MASS MEETING.

The public meeting of the inhabitants of Prince Albert and vicinity, which was held on Tuesday afternoon, to consider the propriety of forming a "Settlers' Union or Association," was largely attended, over 100 being present.

Mr. Wm. Miller was appointed chairman, and Mr. Fitz Cochran secretary. The chairman briefly stated the objects of the meeting, and called upon Mr. J. C. Slater to move the first resolution, which was as follows:—

Resolved—The inhabitants of Prince Albert and the District of Lorne in common with their brethren of other portions of the North West Territories, have long labored under great grievances and disadvantages arising from the land policy of the Government, which bears most oppressively and injuriously upon the best interests of the settlers of these Territories, and from the long continued neglect of the Government to provide us with the machinery and appliances for self government, and the management of our internal affairs.

And whereas—No attention whatever has been paid in the past to the repeated remonstrances and prayers for redress which have been embodied in Memorials presented to the Dominion Government and Parliament from time to time.

And whereas—The so called amended Land Act and the regulations and orders in Council which have been passed, have rather increased than diminished the evils and injustice complained of.

Therefore resolved—That in the opinion of this meeting the time has arrived when it is necessary for the settlers of this District to form a Union or Association for mutual protection and the defence of the rights and liberties which they as freeborn possess, in common with their brethren of the other and more favored portions of the Dominion.

Mr. Slater stated that although he would have preferred that some older settler and more experienced hand than himself should have taken the initiative in this movement, yet as none such seemed inclined to do so, he had taken the responsibility of calling this meeting. He felt that the time had come when something decisive should be done by the people of Prince Albert to compel the Government to recognize our undoubted rights, and to relieve us of the grievances we so justly complain of. He pointed out some of the most oppressive of these, such as compelling settlers to live nearly all the year on their claims, when they had no sale for the produce on them, and no chance to educate their children. The delay in granting patents and the locking up of cancelled lands to the benefit of the Government. He did not advocate extreme measures at the present, but thought that the Government would yield to firm remonstrances and a demand for mutual protection such as that contemplated by the resolution which he brought to move.

Mr. J. J. Campbell, J. P., in seconding the resolution made a very effective speech in support of it. He regretted the absence of many of the old settlers of Prince Albert, who ought to be present, and who would perhaps have realized that they had not taken part in this movement. He did not approve of the free use of the term rebellion. It might do us no harm in Prince Albert, but in some parts of the Territories there were men only too anxious to receive any encouragement in that direction, and therefore we should be cautious. Rebellion in this country meant annexation to the United States, and he for one was not prepared to do that, nor did he think our rights of the single day these Territories were. He did not consider the meeting in any sense a political one in the restricted sense of the word. It was a meeting of settlers to consider the policy of the Government in its bearing upon the North West Territories. The Government had a great deal to do in making the situation of the great Dominion as we must be patient and give them time. But if we were to reason to believe that they are not acting fairly to us we must urge them on and take some stand for our rights. The Government were accomplishing a great work in building the C.P.R. They had agreed to give that Company large tracts of land, and they were bound to carry out their bargain, but they should advance all the available lands along the track before they moved on. Mr. Campbell then paraphrased some of our prominent grievances, one of which was the delay in issuing patents. When he came to Prince Albert, five years ago, he

purchased lands to which the Government had no shadow of claim, but he had not yet received any patent. This delay was keeping back the property of the place, as no money can be borrowed on the security of lands, for which no title can be given. He thought the resolution which compelled a settler to reside three years continuously on his claim, and not to engage in any other pursuits but farming, especially oppressive. Also the system of dealing upon disputed rights by arbitrators. Local Land Boards could be established for this purpose. He considered the North West Council as at present constituted a farce. It was so arranged that by the double vote of the Lieut-Gov., the representative members could always be outvoted by the Ministerial members. The object of this Association, as he understood, was not to encourage rebellion but to prevent it. The committee should correspond with kindred associations in other parts of the Territories, so that they might act in sympathy and accord with each other, and thus have greater weight with the Government.

The resolution was then put to vote and passed unanimously.

The Chairman then read the second resolution as follows:—

Resolved—That a committee of seven be appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the government of said Association or Union, and to report the same to an adjourned meeting to be held for that purpose, which was seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and passed.

The third resolution was then moved by Mr. J. O. Davis, seconded by Mr. J. Stewart, and passed.

Resolved—That said committee consist of Messrs. J. J. Campbell, Wm. Miller, Wm. Plaxton, John Stewart, Fitz Cochran, John Slater and Thomas Mackay, and that they report to an adjourned meeting to be called by the committee for that purpose.

Mr. Fitz Cochran then moved the fourth resolution, as follows, which passed:—

Resolved—That this meeting cordially approves of and endorses the memorial recently adopted by the North West Council to the Dominion Government, which prays for the abolition of the Regatta reserve, the Moose Jaw reserve, to throw open the mile half reserve and recognize the claims of those who have bona fide settled there; to make easier the acquisition of patents; the recognition of the rights of Half-breeds in the reservations; to grant a subsidy to the Government for expenditure by the Lieutenant Governor in Council in the North West Territories; insisting on the necessity of more surveys in the North Saskatchewan district; the amendments to the Land Act, allowing all homesteads cancelled for any cause to be open for entrance and not held for that purpose; the necessity for valid lands and registry offices; the provision of actual settlers on Hudson's Bay and second lands prior to survey; the appointment of additional stipendiary Magistrates; of giving power to the North West Council to incorporate companies having territorial objects; asking for the amendment of grants of lands to homestead companies of lands previously settled on; the abolition of excessive duties on agricultural implements imported into the Territories; the representation of the Territories in the Dominion Parliament; that the old rural sections in this district, which were now withdrawn from homestead entry and sale, be thrown open for one or the other; greater power to the Council of the North West Territories, and power to compel the enforcing of the Ordinance by law or imprisonment, or both.

Previous to the putting of this resolution, a number were under the impression that the proceedings were over and left the meeting. Mr. Cochran said that he had intended to address a few remarks to the meeting upon the important topics, alluded to in the resolutions, which were of vital interest not only to Prince Albert, but to the whole of the North West Territories, but as the attendance was then rather thin, for the reasons just given, he would reserve what he had to say to another occasion, contenting himself with saying that he thought that the endorsement by this meeting of the recent action of the N. W. Council in relation to the release of our grievances could not fail but to have due weight with the Dominion Government.

Mr. W. R. Dean then moved the fifth resolution, as follows:—

Resolved—That this meeting has heard with alarm that the lands on the north side of the Saskatchewan River, imme-

diately opposite the town of Prince Albert, which it had been understood would be laid off as wood lots for the use of the settlers, and which for some time past have been reserved for unknown purposes, are now being surveyed and subdivided into townships and sections—it is said either for settlement or railway reserves—the effect of which will be to deprive the settlers of the means of obtaining wood for domestic purposes, except from a great distance and at large expense. Seconded by Mr. Geo. Miller, and passed.

Mr. Dean said he had intended to have spoken at some length upon the important question which had called them together, but as the meeting had partially dispersed rather prematurely, owing he believed to a misapprehension, some thinking that the business was over, he would not go fully into the matter as he had intended. He would say, however, that the question referred to in the resolution was of great importance to Prince Albert. It was understood, if indeed it was not actually promised, that wood lots of twenty acres each were to be laid off for the use of the settlers opposite the town, and if these lands were now to be laid off for railway purposes or homestead entries, the settlers would not be able to procure wood for domestic purposes, except from a great distance and at large additional expense. Mr. Dean then alluded to some of our pressing wants—the immediate issue of patents, improvement of our judicial system, settlement of disputed claims, establishment of a proper school system, etc.

Mr. W. V. MacIver then moved the sixth resolution, as follows:—

Resolved—That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Prince Albert Times, and a copy of the resolutions which have been passed be forwarded to Sir John A. Macdonald, the Premier, and Minister of the Interior.

Seconded by Mr. J. D. Maresy, and passed.

Mr. MacIver expressed his cordial approval of the proceedings of the meeting, and with nearly all that had been said by previous speakers. Everyone in the hall lived any time in Prince Albert must be aware of the reality of our grievances. Whilst he did not advocate rebellion, he did not think we should go on our hands and knees as craven supplicants, but we should stand up on our feet and manfully demand redress, and the sooner the Government understood that we were in earnest the better.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the chairman and secretary, who did not acknowledge, after which the meeting adjourned.

DISCONTINUOUS.

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Mr. Fred Baker, of Walters & Baker, arrived home yesterday.

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Shannon & McLeod are showing a splendid assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's shoes.

The following passengers left for the East by mail yesterday morning:—Miss Maggie Halliday, Mr. D. Macdonald, and Mr. A. Nelson.

A meeting of the Committee appointed at the Mass Meeting on Tuesday afternoon will be held in Mr. Cochran's office on Friday next at 4 o'clock, p. m.

In reference to the proposed recreation rooms for young men, we are authorized to state that the Hon. Laurence Clarke, in his account of the bill, has offered to assist with donations of magazines, periodicals, etc. Mr. James MacArthur, banker, has also offered to do a similar way, and we trust that their example will be followed by other of our citizens.

There will be a meeting of those interested in the St. Andrew's Society of Prince Albert on Saturday next at 8 p. m., in the Masonic School room, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Committee on the drafting of rules and by-laws, the election of officers hereafter, and the election of members and other general business.

A CARD.

To the CITIZENS OF PRINCE ALBERT.—

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